

# CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

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## Fresno Kings Unit

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### **Fresno and Kings Counties Burn Permit Suspension Lifted**

**Fresno** – Effective November 5, 2016 at 8:00 am, the burn permit suspension in Fresno and Kings Counties will be lifted for areas above 3,000 feet. CAL FIRE Fresno-Kings Unit Chief Mark A. Johnson is formally cancelling the burn permit suspension and advises that those possessing a valid hazard reduction burn permit can now resume burning on permissible burn days. Agriculture burns, within the State Responsibility Area (SRA) must be inspected by CAL FIRE prior to burning until the end of the peak fire season. Inspections may be required for burns other than agriculture burns as well.

Burn permits will be required until the end of peak fire season. While cooler temperatures have helped to diminish the threat of wildfire, we are still in our fifth year of drought. Property owners and residents are asked to use caution while conducting hazard reduction debris or agriculture burns. Always use caution when burning, follow all guidelines provided, and maintain control of the fire at all times. Individuals can be held civilly and/or criminally liable for allowing a fire to escape their control and/or burn onto neighboring property.

**Residents wishing to burn MUST verify it is a permissive burn day prior to burning.**  
**Contact your nearest CAL FIRE station and/or local fire department to acquire the proper permit.**  
Residents with current Hazard Reduction Burn Permits can confirm the burn day status by calling 1-877-HAZ-BURN (1-877-429-2876) or log onto [www.ValleyAir.org](http://www.ValleyAir.org).

#### **Pile Burning Requirements**

- Only dry, natural vegetative material such as leaves, pine needles and tree trimmings may be burned.
- The burning of trash, painted wood or other debris is not allowed.
- Do **NOT** burn on windy days.
- Piles should be no larger than four feet in diameter and in height. You can add to pile as it burns down.
- Clear a 10 foot diameter down to bare soil around your piles.
- Have a shovel and a water source readily available.
- An adult is required to be in attendance of the fire at all times.

Safe residential pile burning of forest residue by landowners is a crucial tool in reducing fire hazards. State, Federal and Local land management and fire agencies will also be utilizing this same window of opportunity to conduct prescribed burns aimed at improving forest health on private and public lands.

For more information on burning, visit the CAL FIRE website at [www.fire.ca.gov](http://www.fire.ca.gov).